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METCHNIKOFF AS HIS STAFF SAW HIM

once a Week He Revealed to Them His Power as an Entertainer.

HIS VIEW OF GERMANS

Tells of "Mean Spirit" in Koch and Behring-His Devotion to Music.

Special Correspondence to THE SUN. PARIS, Aug. 10 .- The late Prof. Metchoff (he was not a professor but the le stuck to him all his life) was one he most interesting persons in Eu-

Physically he merited Whitman's su-perb conception of a "splendid and sav-age" old man, and socially he preserved a noble courtesy and pleasantness only too rare in boorish learning. He was a bard, like Whitman or Rodin, and he cultivated almost until his death the smiable practice of receiving one after-noon a week at his laboratory in the Pasteur Institute such curious guests Pasteur Institute such curious guests as his large staff of assistants saw fit to

shis large start of assistants saw it to bring to him.

Silence and intelligence were the only requisites for a presentation, for the aged seer had a fine predeliction for dis-interestedness in his auditors. He had more than once, for example, expressed an irritation bordering upon horror for journalists, for these creatures had ex-acted no end of suffering out of him to connection with the commercial side in connection with the commercial side of the sour milk business, an adventure accompanied by many cruel jokes.

Objected to "Pumping."

Conversation was general and gentle and there was positively no "pumping." for the assistants warned their selected guests that the great savant could not be subjected to the sort of scrutiny which is the terror of the wise. It was twice the good fortune of your correspondent to be invited to these delightful conversations, the last time only about a year ago, not long before a final illness confined M. Metchnikoff to his had in the Particus Housian

final lilness confined M. Metchnikoff to his bed in the Pasteur Hospital.

The company was a typical one, a dozen laboratory men of the institute in white coats just off from work for the day in honor of the reception, several of their mobilized colleagues on leave from the front, some of them wounded, prominent physicians and surgeons from the military hospitals and the faculty of Paris, a few curious young Russian Paris, a few curious young Russian sudents, a distinguished foreign scientific visitor or two and a solitary "profane," whose occupation and nationality required that he be vouched for in advance by half the laborator.

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The "professor" was in a fine humor
for talk, the audience was discreet in
its questions and the conversation coninued long after the usual hour. The
accident that M. Metchnikoff had just
finished rending a stack of German scientific reviews which a elever foreign
assistant had succeeded in bringing to
him through Switzerland turned the talk
first to the current absurdities of harred first to the current absurdities of hatred observable in popular expression. The newspapers came in for some stinging remarks from the "professor," who had a high incapacity for appreciating the habits of mind of the vulgar.

His conclusion, to bring so disagreeable a tone to a close was that the con-

able a topic to a close, was that this sort of silly passion would soon smother itself because it would receive no support from

Talked About Germana.

He expressed himself very freely that day about the Germans, whom he knew dsy about the Germans, whom he knew well from lifelong association in work and friendship. He found in them a curious mean spirit—"mechancete"— which he had observed even in their most liberated spirits. The case of the personal spites and bitterness existing the highest spheres of German science and always impressed him as an incon-frience anomaly. He recounted his own first visit to the great laboratory of Koch, then at the height of his universal fame. The illustrious Behring and sev-eral other investigators of world prom-mence were at the promisence were at the con-

the same laboratory.

After the usual brief introduction of a young unknown but promising recruit to the laboratory staff it chanced that Metchnikoff was led off by Behring into was immediately dropped.
You knew that that was the great

Koch, didn't you?" asked Behring.
"Well, young man, I must warn you against him. He is a criminal, a great criminal. That is what makes what makes him great-his criminality. s unquestionably the greatest crim-alive. Why he stole three sheep

from me this morning!

'I had inoculated them with diphiheria and had them nicely under observation when he sneaked down, stole them out of the pen, secreted them in his own. his own pen, and inoculated them over egain with tuberculosis! He comes here a night and entere my workroom and tries to pry open my desk drawers to steal my desk

Tre caught him at it! I have to top everything under three sets of sets: There isn't anything that that man would stop at. He'd stoop to thing lout you go on naively we a sway here for him. He'll merely e-p.oit you, the way he does with all the young ones. He's a thief, the great Koch, and a him.

a binf and a fraud besides."

At hour later Metchnikoff, bewildered by all that the eminent Behring had been learning into his unwilling ears. travail

Tree deleting got hold of you yet?" casaly be taken in by him. Be-

PROF. METCHNIKOFF AT WORK IN HIS LABORATORY.



pretty general throughout Germany. The universities, he said, were hotbeds of backbiting and intrigue. It appeared to be in the spirit of the race, more pronouncedly so, he thought, in Prussia and day about attacking and defending, addied for so many years and it is proba-

nouncedly so, he thought, in Prussia and the northern provinces than in southern Germany, where there was much orivate virtue. He cited the Bavarians as an excellent people.

In Prance, on the other hand, he found mat people were generally "nice." They had not the same faculty for "dirty had not the same faculty for "dirty. An incident illustrative of M. Metchnitoff tricks." Their attitude was more kindly and more human. He cited the example of the Pasteur Institute, where all was love and sweetness, where there had never been a quarrel, where never a slander had been uttered. There was a quiet movement of amusement among the assistants, too subile for the sage's

Author of the sage's and it is probable that the studies undertaken on the studies undertaken on the minds of pseudo-scientific military in the minds of pseudo-scientific military in the minds of pseudo-scientific military in the minds of pseudo-scientific military and military in the minds of pseudo-scientific military in gresults.

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fallen into the popular notion concerning the origins of the war. He was profoundly ignorant of politics in its complex international aspect and could not but interpret the events which he had just witnessed in terms of personal p ychology

He saw aggression and defence no He saw aggression and defence not in terms of traditional, slowly determined politique, but in those of will domination, avarice and envy. He expressed grave fears for the bodily health

recreed grave fears for the bodily health of certain manarchs, whose symptoms, which he got by hearsay from an assistant who read the newspapers, struck him as alarmingly suspicious.

The German people, he esteemed, were on the whole a good people despite their partial bad traits, and he expressed a strong hope that they could be reformed into a peace loving population after defeat. He regarded the war as totally bad in every way, as a contotally bad in every way, as a contotally bad in every way, as a cor-ruption and an abomination which stood in defiance of all knowledge and all same spirit.

It was trying to destroy science, he felt, and to engender a horrible spirit of hatred between peoples whose real instinct was to love each other and whose real interests were at no point in conflict. Diplomacy and nationalist poli-tics he held in appropriate horror as the selfish agents of conquest and greed.

Genius of Belligerents. Perhaps the most interesting part of

the genius of the various peoples at war. For a man accustomed to the laborious and prudent methods of the laboratory with tuberculosis! He comes here and prucent methods of the aboratory he had a curious, common sense, down to tries to pry open my desk drawers to steal my data from experiments which he is incapable of understanding.

"Advised" About Kock.

"Tve caught him at it! I have to rying the concrete issue further and de

fring the concrete issue further and defended his conclusion on the ground that it was in the spirit of the facts.

Of German genius he uttered a panegyric which would have done good to the sore heart of Gen. von Bernhardi. He recounted examples of German heroism in action and idea, of German abnegation and social sacrifice, of German

perhaps first of contemporary peoples on account of their creation of music, which he regarded as a vasily more character-istic modern manifestation of the human

o do whatver he can for the patient."

His Desire for Longevity.

Several interesting incidents sur-rounded M. Metchnikoff's death. It had always been his inordinate ambition to live to be very old, to a hundred years empt to achieve a sort of "record" in

agedners.

His enemies declared that it was a sign of his decadence that he should decote himself so exclusively to such a personal consideration, but he probably ignored their criticisms and calmiy con-

He called his wife to tell her of his vessels discovery, dictated his will and attended States. to such indispensable worldly sil that the eminent Behring had achievements in pure and applied science, especially during recent years. Each ninself passed. The great degreed to smile at the young the stopped, and led him on with line the fastnesses of his inner list is travail.

In art he held that the Germans were list owner's last crisis.

During the last hours he discussed some of the aspects of the problem of old see with his intimater, saving that in view of the fact that he had always a suited in unnecessary and see with the suited in unnecessary and seems that the had always to the suited in unnecessary and seems the suited in unnecessary and seem istic modern manifestation of the human genius than painting for example, in genius than painting for example, in which he found the French still supreme. It is to the fact that he had already achieved the respectable age of between Russian music, he said, falled to convince him of a profound genius, despite his descriptive term indicative of ed and incurable insant; .

Music was his hobby and his passion, it is ground. There seem this ground. There seem this danger is dand incurable insant; .

In poetry and philosophy he cited tremendous German names and despaired to a hundred if he had had the advantage form of an on the right is affects every of finding their peers in the annals of previous discoveries to direct him to on the right is sufficient.

GREEK MONARCH FIGHTS VENIZELOS

Central Empires Back the King and Allies the Ex-Premier.

INFLUENCE OF THE QUEEN

Her Husband Risks His Crown to Keep the Cretan Out of Office.

Special Correspondence to THE SCH. Special Correspondence to THE SCS.

ATHENS, Aug. 4.—The Allies with their ultimatum to Greece of last June cleared up the situation for the time being, but falled to avert future complications, which unfortunately are inevitable. It is now an open secret that were it not for " " (deleted by censor) Greece to-day would have been a republic, probably with Venizelos as President and King Constantine in exile. Then the situation would have been President and King Constantine in exile. Then the situation would have been cleared up for good, but now the probability of future complications due to Austro-German intrigues will call for further "energetic action" to force a satisfactory and permanent solution of the Greek imbroglio.

Either King Constantine or Venizelos pures be eliminated, as it is impossible.

Either King Constantine or Venizelos must be eliminated, as it is impossible for both to govern the country, and the possibility of a reconclination between the King and his former Minister is entirely out of the question. The King could save his throne by accepting Venizelos as Premier of the future Cabinet, but as the Queen, the Kaiser's sister, threatens to leave Greece and "never look at her husband in the face" if Venizelos returns to power, King Constantine risks losing his crown. All of his efforts are now directed toward causing Venizelos's defeat in the forthcoming general elections.

What is now going on in Greece is nothing less than a great duel between the King and Venizelos, with the representatives of the two groups of belligerent Powers acting as seconds, the Central Empires with Turkey and Bulgaria backing the King and the Allies who think that it is quite sufficient to have a pro-German king. The risk of complications cannot be removed unless the king is either converted to the Allies' cause or eliminated, and if Venizelos is

in more interest. The correspondent had the opportunity of the interest of the

police asked him to open the receptacle. He did so and told his story, which interested the inspector to such an extent War Office for some 20,000 dressings a

The only emotional enthusiasm of Metch-nikoff's own life was music, which stood for him for everything in the unreal uni-

Negotiations, Broken by War,

Again Resumed for Leas-

GOLD CORD A WAR PERIL.

Henry Losses of Officers Caused by

Badges of Hank.

PARIS. Aug. 10.—One of the earliest sons of the war was that of the danger officers in allowing them to wear

sulted in unnecessary and avoidable losses among them. This lesson was learned, and now it has become so dif-

ficult at the front to identify an officer that a failure to salute is overlooked on

BRITISH FIRM SEEKS

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PACIFIC OIL LANDS

To course, he was allowed the current rate of exchange, but when the Greek finally reached his native land and changed his Italian meney into Greek he lost 20 per cent, on the money that he had brought over from America. Naturally he was indignant and protested. The moss grows abundantly upon moorlands wherever pest and heather are found. The Greek Government offered sympathy but not redress. The Greek then asked to help him.

The Greek envoy in Rome was to be word of sphagarim. War Office for some 20,000 dressings a week.

The perifiar virtues of sphagarim mess are its lightness—which makes it much more comfortable than cotton wool, especially in hot weather—its silky, comfortable feeling, and its reduced that be supported by the comfortable of a silky, comfortable feeling, and its reduced by the silky, comfortable feeling,

ignored their criticisms and calmiy continued his investigations in the question of the digestive tract to sentity.

Special Correspondence to The Sex London, Aug. 15.—Negotiations for the during at his practical conclusions in regard to his specially preclusions of important oil interests in California which were concluded by a first shipping syndicate, but which to help him.

The Greek envoy in Rome was to be instructed to bring the case before the linstructed to bring the case before the linstruc

very slowly and with long intervals in order that the demobilization may be complete only forty-five days before Ocit impossible for these firms to get on with the work, hence many of their vessels are now being built in the United tober 8, the date fixed for the genera elections which are to follow the diss lution of the Chamber Staff officers le ture the men before they are discharged

You are married men with familie most of you, and you have been called to the colors for mobilization by Venizelos. You suffered hardships and your families selos wanted you to help the foreigners who occupied our country, humiliated our king and now want to send him away from Greece. You are now salled to elect the representatives for Parila-ment. If you elect Venizelos and his friends you will be mobilised again and made to fight for the foreigners, the English, French, Russians and Italians, and you will make the king abdicate. that a failure to salute is overlooked on country and your king all you have to there seems, however, a chance that

this ground. There seems, however, a chance that he's family depreted this and it's quite conclusive that he's family depreted to him and it's quite conclusive that he's family depreted to the use of a special died during the hard to special the conclusive that he's family depreted to the use of a special died during the hard to special the special throughout throughout the special throughout throughout throughout the special throughout througho

King Constantine of Greece.



Sensitive About the Queen. cause or eliminated, and if Venizel-King Constantine pretends that he is defeated in the elections he is not

cusions in regard to his specially prepared sour milk some score of years before his death, and he hoped by a care
ful use of this ideal det to live to be so
old that his hody would be a priceless
scientific document illuminating the
whole question of sentility.

During his last illness he did not loss
hope of ultimate recovery for a long time
deeplite some very grave crises which
alarmed such eminent clinicians as bri
Vidal and the score of other distinguished practitioners who attended him
is so faithfully for so many months.

For example, he studied his own condition very carefully in order to assist
his physicians, underguing the fatigue
of being lifted out of bed to be welched
every day for months, though the
variation was infinitesimal. Finally,
about two days before his death, after
the opening of the last heart crises
which vas to carey him off, he came iny dependently to the conclusion, already
or forty-eight hours.

His Old Watch Worn Out.

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London, Aug. 14.—Peace by the end of 1917. That at least is the impression of underwriters at Lloyd's, who are quoting 30 gaineas per cent, or \$31.50 per cent, in American currency, for a neace policy extending to December 31, 1917.

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Kitchener's estimate of three would prove correct or thereabout KING DRINKS AFTER HORSE.

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